

and a clear demonstration of our enduring friendship with the Korean people.

Colombia and Panama are two of the United States' most critical allies in Latin America. With our help, and aided by their own determination, these two countries have made remarkable progress. Mr. Speaker, these two trade deals will build upon the investments that we have already made in these two countries. Colombia has demonstrated—with concrete actions—a genuine commitment to protecting its own people from violence. The rapidly expanding Panama remains a critical strategic partner and a literal gateway to maritime commerce in the Pacific. These new trade deals demonstrate America's long-term commitment to Colombia and Panama.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support these Free Trade Agreements.

#### A TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE CANCRO

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Lorraine C. Cancro for her outstanding work with Veterans in my Brooklyn District.

Ms. Cancro has been working with returning veterans for most of her professional career—gaining a specialization as a clinician in treatment of returning veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injury, TBI, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD. In this capacity Ms. Cancro has served many in her community that deal with this very serious disorder.

When Ms. Cancro is not dealing with individuals directly she contributes as a mental health editor for Exceptional Parent Magazine, writing articles on topics that include returning veterans who suffer from TBI and PTSD, and chronic pain among other disorders. These articles furthered her efforts to spread awareness of psychiatric disorders which impact the general population as well.

Ms. Cancro also serves as Director of the Global Stress Initiative, GSI, an affiliate of the International Committee against Mental Illness, ICAMI. Together with Emmy Awarding winning Anchor Rita Cosby, they have launched the American Heroes Tour, which is a fundraising arm of the GSI. The Tour will visit Major League Ballparks throughout the country and offer veterans, first responders, and their families' acknowledgement for their heroic efforts to preserve our freedom.

In response to those who suffer from PTSD, Ms. Cancro along with her colleagues spearheaded cutting edge research and treatment for TBI and PTSD. The tour culminated at the 11th Annual World Congress on Disabilities in Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 23rd and 24th, 2011. At last year's event in Dallas, Rita Cosby emceed the event and Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was the keynote speaker.

Ms. Cancro has a specialty in Journalistic advocacy and development of mental health programs for research and treatment. She is a member of the International Committee Against Mental Illness (ICAMI)—Association for Stress Disorders, The David Lynch Foundation's Operation Warrior Wellness, Autism Speaks and Fountain House, Mental Health Advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Lorraine Cancro for her contribution to the education and awareness of veterans suffering from the various disorders service can create.

PRESIDENT & CEO OF JEMNI, INC.,  
MARK ELLSON, OF WOODBURY, MN

### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, this month, veteran business owners from across the nation are receiving special training through the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP). Upon completion of this training, these veteran employers are equipped with the knowledge and skills to compete in the federal government contract process. Today it's my honor to recognize one of those veterans, President and CEO of JEMNI Inc., Mark Ellson, of Woodbury, Minnesota upon his graduation from VIP.

As a small-business owner, Mark brings more than 20 years of experience to providing services and products for his customers. Mark was a perfect candidate for the VIP certification because of his distinction as an Army combat and service disabled veteran and his dedication to hiring other disabled veterans. VIP invests in veteran-owned businesses because they know owners, like Mark, will strongly consider hiring and mentoring a veteran for future business growth. This VIP certification strengthens Mark's ability to secure federal government contracts that will grow his business, and in turn, increase job opportunities for veterans.

Mr. Speaker, Mark's dedication to veterans is admirable in every way and it is my sincere wish that the VIP certification will continue to create jobs for these heroes in Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District and beyond. Please join me in congratulating Mark Ellson of JEMNI, Inc. on his graduation from the National Center for the Veteran Institute for Procurement.

#### UNITED STATES-KOREA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, thanks to my good friend and Michigan colleague DAVE CAMP for his leadership on this issue. I come from the State of Michigan, where there is no single issue of greater importance than jobs and the economy.

The fact is hundreds of thousands of American jobs rely on exports, and promoting a robust trade agenda will only help bolster our economy and create more jobs. 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside of the United States, so opening up their markets for our manufactured and agricultural goods is a matter of common sense.

In 2010, U.S. exports totaled more than \$1.8 trillion, or 12.5 percent of GDP. Michigan

ranks 8th in the nation for the number of export-dependent jobs. In 2008, nearly 12,000 companies exported goods from locations within our state. And last year, Michigan export shipments totaled some \$44.5 billion.

The three pending free trade agreements are expected to increase Michigan agriculture exports by \$45 million per year—the agreement with South Korea alone will increase Michigan pork exports by \$4.5 million annually.

The medical device industry also stands to benefit greatly from these agreements. Demand for medical devices in South Korea is expected to grow by 10 percent each year, and the new duty-free status given to devices will give companies like Stryker, headquartered in my district, unprecedented access to that market. In fact, it is my understanding that medical device sales may increase as much as \$1 billion. This legislation finally allows us, the United States, to reverse course and export products rather than jobs. Isn't that a good thing? Of course it is!

By removing barriers to U.S. exports, American job creators will have significant new market access: that good news for business, jobs, and Southwest Michigan; and the entire country.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. DOUGLAS LAZZARO

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and to honor Mr. Douglas Lazzaro for his exceptional service to Brooklyn and the Greater New York area in the field of corneal transplantation and other complex corneal surgeries.

Dr. Lazzaro, the Richard C. Troutman M.D. Distinguished Chair in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Microsurgery, serves as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate. Dr. Lazzaro received his MD degree and his residency training in ophthalmology at SUNY Downstate and then completed a cornea and refractive surgery fellowship at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital and Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Lazzaro has been involved in residency training since 1994 and has served in a variety of roles since then. He was director of surgical training at the Kings County Hospital Center for a decade and has been its Chief of Ophthalmology from 2001 to the present time. This eye service is the largest in the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation and currently sees over 27,000 outpatients regularly. In addition to being responsible for the design of the clinic, Dr. Lazzaro has been serving as President of the Medical Board at Kings county since 2010.

The ophthalmology residency that Dr. Lazzaro directs is one of the largest in the United States and is recognized as one of the top training programs in the NYC area. Dr. Lazzaro serves on the board of the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration and the NY Society for Clinical Ophthalmology, and was recently elected to the NY Ophthalmic Laser Society.

Dr. Lazzaro has also been the recipient of many other awards including: Attending of the